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Letter dated 3 November 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter of His Excellency Mr. Vladislav Jovanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 70, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 1 November 1994 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General

On 31 October 1994, between 1.20 p.m. and 1.30 p.m., the Army of the Republic of Croatia fired from the area of Češmina Glava and Pelimovo Brdo three mortar shells, one of which exploded in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the area of Kožen Do.

The Army of Yugoslavia did not return fire.

This unprovoked armed attack by the Croatian side was a threat to the security of the territory and population of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including members of the Army of Yugoslavia.

It constitutes a serious provocation and a violation of the agreement on cease-fire and the settlement of the Prevlaka issue in accordance with Security Council resolution 779 (1992).

The cease-fire agreement, as you will recall, provided a basis, and continues to do so, for all the agreements concerning Prevlaka and the security in that region.

Considering that the Croatian side has carried out similar provocations in the past, the recent shelling may constitute a dangerous escalation in the violation of the above agreement and the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in defiance of the authority of the United Nations which is the guarantor of the entire Prevlaka agreement.

At the same time, Croatia continues fortification works in the "blue" and "yellow" zones at Prevlaka in outright disregard of the provisions of the demilitarization agreement, Security Council resolution 779 (1992) and the clearly defined mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). Besides, the planting of mines on communication lines within the "blue zone" in October 1994 was carried out in gross violation of the status of the zone and the security of the United Nations personnel.

Such acts and behaviour, including the latest shelling of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, are contrary to the efforts of the international community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to bring about a negotiated, peaceful and just solution to all outstanding problems.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expects the United Nations to condemn most strongly the behaviour of the Republic of Croatia and to prevent the escalation of its aggressive attitude towards the Prevlaka issue and the repetition of similar actions in the future and to take appropriate measures to compel the Croatian side to abide by the commitments it has undertaken, including the method of solving all outstanding issues by peaceful means.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ